

REMARKS

The amendments to the specification are the same amendments submitted in the parent application, except that a new Abstract has been added.

Original claims 1-55 have been cancelled and new claims 56-72 have been added.

Support for the claims regarding one or more flat antennas and relative structure of the antennas is found at least in the embodiments described in connection with Figs. 36 and 37. This application is a continuation of application no. 08/478,488 for which the Examiner's rejection of claims 56-76 and 78-83 was affirmed by the Board of Patent Appeals in a decision mailed June 26, 2003. It is believed that claims 56-72 are patentably distinct from the claims considered by the Board and that the claims are allowable over the references applied by the Examiner in the parent application. Early allowance of new claims 56-72 is respectfully solicited.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any necessary fees or credit any overpayment to the Deposit Account of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Account No. 13-0017.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Kindly replace original Figures 2, 3, 8, 9 and 10 with the amended Figures 2, 3, 8, 9 and 10 submitted with this Preliminary Amendment.

In Fig. 2, number 167 was replaced by number 67, number 168 was replaced by number 68, number 126 was replaced by number 26 and number 66 was deleted. The lead line for the number 65 was corrected.

In Fig. 3, the number 74 was replaced by number 216.

In Fig. 8, the lead line for the number 65 was corrected.

In Fig. 9, the number 216 was replaced by number 215, and the number 74 was replaced by 216.

In Fig. 10, the number 216 was replaced by number 215.